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"CUT OUT" DISSECTION

by Alissa Finley Combs

"I passed geography without leaving mv home state, and geology without seeing planets collide. It's insulting to argue that students can't understand anatomy unless they stick scissors into a frog's brain."

Mary Pacheco, student

Biology and animal science majors frequently encounter classes that involve dissection and experimentation on animals. Some of you may have ethical problems with participating in this exploitation and some of you may have never thought about it. So if you are faced with the situation, here's a few things to consider.

- * Over 5.7 million healthy non-human animals die every year for "education."
- * The harmful use of animals in medical education has been banned for 100 years in Great Britain.
- * According to a physician in Arizona: "I did many experiments on live animals during medical school. I would say they had nothing T later had to know about or do to humans." Cornell University gives any student the right to refuse to dissect or experiment on any vertebrate animal, dead or alive, without grade penalty. Just let your professor or TA know that you do not wish to be involved, and you may be excused or given an alternate assignment.

I am, along with the majority of AnimaLife's contributors, a biology major, and have never had a problem with any professor concerning being excused from vertebrate, and even most invertebrate, use. The one exception is the Genetics 281 fly lab, where students mutilate and kill millions of fly beings every semester. In this case, you can minimize your own killing by being extra careful with the ether and tools, and when you are done with each set of flies just take them outside and let them go free. You can also do this with other students discarded flies.

If you decide not to be a party to the abuse, please write your professor a letter explaining the problems you have with dissection. You can urge him/her to leave dissection out the course and thereby

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